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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**
12 **AT SPOKANE**
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14 AMY AUSMAN, a married person
15 proceeding in her individual capacity

16 Plaintiff,
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18 vs.
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20 ZAK DESIGNS, INC., a Washington
21 corporation, and IRVING ZAKHEIM,
22 an individual, and IRVING ZAKHEIM
23 and JANE DOE ZAKHEIM, husband
24 and wife, and DOES 1-100
Defendants.

Case No. CV-10-016-EFS

STIPULATED
CONFIDENTIAL
AGREEMENT AND
PROTECTIVE ORDER

25 Upon stipulation of the parties to this action, it is hereby
26 ordered hat the following rules and procedures shall govern the disclosure of
27 “Confidential Information” herein:
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1 1. Any information disclosed in the above-captioned matter
2 by a signatory to this agreement (the “Producing Party”) may be designated as
3 “Confidential Information” by the Producing Party pursuant to the terms
4 herein. “Confidential Information” is defined as *“information that has not*
5 *been made public and that the Producing Party believes in good faith*
6 *constitutes a trade secret or other confidential research, development or*
7 *commercial information.”* “Confidential Information” disclosed to a party
8 (the “Receiving Party”) may be used by the Receiving Party solely in
9 connection with this litigation (the “Action”).
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11 2. The designation of information or material as
12 “Confidential Information” for purposes of this Protective Order shall be
13 made in the following manner by the Producing Party:
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15 a. in the case of documents, exhibits, briefs,
16 memoranda, interrogatory responses, responses to requests for admission, or
17 other materials (apart from depositions or other pretrial or trial testimony): by
18 affixing the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” as appropriate, to any document
19 containing any “Confidential Information” or material at the time such
20 documents are produced or such information is disclosed, or as soon
21 thereafter as the Producing Party seeking protection becomes aware of the
22 confidential nature of the information or material disclosed and sought to be
23 protected hereunder; and
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25 b. in the case of depositions or other pretrial or trial
26 testimony: (i) by a statement on the record, by counsel, during such
27 deposition or other pretrial or trial proceeding that the entire transcript or a
28 portion thereof shall be designated as “Confidential Information”, as
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1 appropriate, hereunder; or (ii) by written notice of such designation sent by
2 counsel for Producing Party to counsel for all other parties within twenty (20)
3 days after the transmission by the court reporter to counsel of the transcript of
4 the deposition by overnight or electronic mail ("First Transmission"). During
5 a deposition, the deponent or his counsel, or any other counsel of record
6 present at the deposition, may invoke the provisions of this Protective Order
7 in a timely manner, giving adequate warning to counsel for the Producing
8 Party that testimony about to be given is deemed "Confidential Information".
9 The parties shall treat all deposition and other pretrial and trial testimony as
10 "Confidential Information" until the expiration of twenty (20) days after the
11 First Transmission to counsel of the transcript of the deposition. Unless
12 designated as "Confidential Information", any confidentiality is waived after
13 the expiration of the 20-day period. The parties may modify this procedure
14 for any particular deposition or proceeding through agreement on the record
15 at such deposition or proceeding or otherwise by written stipulation, without
16 further order of the Court. If any document or information designated as
17 "Confidential Information" is used during the course of a deposition, that
18 portion of the deposition record reflecting such "Confidential Information"
19 shall be sealed and stamped with the designated degree of confidentiality, and
20 access thereto shall be limited pursuant to the other terms of this Protective
21 Order.
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26 3. Subject to the terms of this Stipulation, information or
27 material designated "Confidential Information" may be disclosed,
28 summarized, described, characterized, or otherwise communicated or made
29 available in whole or in part to the following persons:
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1 a. attorneys for the Receiving Party and other
2 members or employees of their firm(s) or department(s) who are working on
3 this matter (“Counsel”);
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5 b. parties, employees or consultants of the parties
6 whose assistance is needed by Counsel for the purposes of this litigation;

7 c. persons who have been retained by the Receiving
8 Party specifically to provide expert assistance or advice in this matter
9 (collectively referred to as “Independent Advisors”), and persons regularly
10 employed by them, to the extent necessary when working under the
11 supervision of such an Independent Advisor in connection with this matter;
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13 d. the Court and its employees;

14 e. court reporters, stenographers, or videographers or
15 other persons preparing transcripts of testimony under the supervision of a
16 court reporter, stenographer, or videographer;
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18 f. persons who have been retained by the Receiving
19 Party or its Counsel specifically to consult with regard to jury- or trial-related
20 matters, including the composition of the jury in this matter (collectively
21 referred to as “Trial Consultants”), and persons regularly employed by them,
22 to the extent necessary when working under the supervision of such a Trial
23 Consultant in connection with this matter;
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25 g. persons who have been retained by the Receiving
26 Party or its Counsel specifically to prepare demonstrative or other exhibits for
27 deposition, trial or other court proceedings in this matter (collectively referred
28 to as “Graphic Designers”), and persons regularly employed by them, to the
29 extent necessary when working under the supervision of such a Graphic
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1 Designer in connection with this matter; and

2 h. any other person upon such terms and conditions as
3 the parties may agree or as the Court hereafter by order direct.
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5 All persons listed in subparagraphs (b), (c), (e), (f), (g) and (h) above
6 may be given access to information or material designated as ““Confidential
7 Information”,” provided that they first confirm their understanding and
8 agreement to abide by the terms of this Protective Order by completing and
9 signing a copy of the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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11 4. Any person may be examined as a witness at trial or
12 during a deposition concerning any information or material designated as
13 “Confidential Information”, which that person had lawfully received or
14 authored prior to and apart from this action. During examination, any such
15 witness may be shown information or material designated as “Confidential
16 Information” by a party which appears on its face or from other documents or
17 testimony to have been received or authored by that witness from, or
18 communicated to that witness by, that same party or otherwise appears on its
19 face to contain information about which it appears reasonably likely that the
20 witness has discoverable information.
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22 5. A party may challenge the Producing Party’s designation
23 of information or materials as “Confidential Information” by serving a written
24 objection upon the Producing Party. The objection need only specify that
25 “the material designated as “Confidential Information” do not meet the
26 criteria necessary for such designation.” Within ten (10) calendar days after
27 service of such an objection, the parties shall conduct an informal meeting in
28 an attempt to resolve any dispute arising from the objection. If after such
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1 meeting the dispute remains unresolved, the party challenging the designation
2 (the "Challenging Party") may, within fourteen (14) calendar days after such
3 meeting, serve and file a motion challenging the designation of the
4 information. The failure to file a motion within the 14 day time period waives
5 the Challenging Party's objections to the designation of those materials. The
6 designated information which is challenged shall be treated as designated
7 until the motion is heard and the Court rules on the classification.
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9 6. All documents and pleadings of any nature containing
10 "Confidential Information" and all copies thereof, shall be maintained in
11 secure facilities and in a manner intended to minimize any risk of the
12 inadvertent disclosure thereof.
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14 7. All counsel for the parties who have access to information
15 or material designated as "Confidential Information" under this Protective
16 Order acknowledge they are bound by this Order and submit to the
17 jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of enforcing this Order.
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19 8. Entering into, agreeing to, and/or producing or receiving
20 information or material designated as "Confidential Information", or
21 otherwise complying with the terms of this Protective Order shall not:

22 a. operate as an admission by any party that any
23 particular information or material designated as "Confidential Information"
24 contains or reflects trade secrets, proprietary or commercially sensitive
25 information, or any other type of "Confidential Information";
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27 b. operate as an admission by any party that the
28 restrictions and procedures set forth herein constitute or do not constitute
29 adequate protection for any particular information deemed by any party to be
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1 “Confidential Information”;

2 c. prejudice in any way the rights of any party to
3 object to the production of documents it considers not subject to discovery;

4 d. prejudice in any way the rights of any party to
5 object to the authenticity or admissibility into evidence of any document,
6 testimony or other evidence subject to this Protective Order;

7 e. prejudice in any way the rights of any party to seek
8 a determination by the Court whether any information or material should be
9 subject to the terms of this Protective Order;

10 f. prejudice in any way the rights of any party to
11 petition the Court for a further protective order relating to any purportedly
12 “Confidential Information”;

13 g. prevent any party to this Protective Order from
14 agreeing in writing to alter or waive the provisions or protections provided for
15 herein with respect to any particular information or material; and

16 9. This Protective Order has no effect upon, and shall not
17 apply to, a party’s use or disclosure of its own “Confidential Information” for
18 any purpose. Nothing contained herein shall impose any restrictions above
19 the applicable law on the use or disclosure by a party of documents,
20 information or material designated as “Confidential Information” obtained
21 lawfully by such party independently of any proceedings in this action or
22 which:

23 a. was already known to such party by lawful means
24 prior to acquisition from, or disclosure by, the other party in this action;

25 b. is or becomes publicly known through no fault or
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1 act of such party; or

2 c. is rightfully received by such party from a third
3 party that has authority to provide such information or material and without
4 restriction as to disclosure.
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6 10. In the event that information in the possession or control
7 of a party involves the confidentiality rights of a non-party or its disclosure
8 would violate a protective order issued in another action, the party with
9 possession or control of the information will attempt to obtain the consent of
10 the non-party to disclose the information under this Order. If the consent of
11 the non-party cannot be obtained, the party will notify the party seeking
12 discovery of: (a) the existence of the information without producing such
13 information; and (b) the identity of the non-party (provided, however, that
14 such disclosure of the identity of the non-party does not violate any
15 confidentiality obligations). The party seeking discovery may then make
16 further application to the non-party or seek other means to obtain such
17 information.
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20 11. If a party inadvertently produces "Confidential
21 Information" without marking it as such, it may be disclosed to others until
22 the Receiving Party becomes aware of the error, unless it appears from the
23 face of the document that it contains non-public, confidential, proprietary,
24 commercially sensitive, or trade secret information of the Producing Party.
25 As soon as the Receiving Party becomes aware of the inadvertent production,
26 the information must be treated as if it had been timely designated under this
27 Protective Order, and the Receiving Party must endeavor in good faith to
28 obtain all copies of the document which it distributed or disclosed to persons
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1 not authorized to access such information by Paragraph 3 above, as well as
2 any copies made by such persons.
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4 12. If a party inadvertently produces a document that it later
5 discovers or in good faith asserts to be a privileged document, the production
6 of that document shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any
7 applicable privileges. In such circumstances, the Producing Party must
8 immediately notify the Receiving Party of the inadvertent production and
9 request the return of the privileged materials. Within five (5) days of
10 receiving such notification, the Receiving Party shall return all such materials,
11 including any summaries thereof. Such return shall not preclude the
12 Receiving Party from seeking to compel production of the materials for
13 reasons other than its inadvertent production and shall not constitute an
14 admission by the Receiving Party that the materials were, in fact, privileged
15 in any way.
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17 13. If any party is (a) subpoenaed in an action other than the
18 Action, (b) served with a demand in another action to which it is a party, or
19 (c) served with any other legal process by one not a party to the Action,
20 seeking information or material which was produced or designated as
21 "Confidential Information" by someone other than that party, such party shall
22 give prompt written notice, by hand or facsimile transmission, within ten (10)
23 days of receipt of such subpoena, demand or legal process, to those who
24 produced or designated the information or material "Confidential
25 Information" and shall object to its production to the extent permitted by law
26 based on an existence of this Protective Order. The Producing Party shall
27 then bear the obligation of bringing the motion to quash the subpoena or take
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1 any other legal action it deems necessary to protect the confidentiality of the
2 information. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the party or
3 anyone else covered by this Protective Order to challenge or appeal any order
4 requiring production of information or material covered by this Protective
5 Order, or to subject itself to any penalties for non-compliance with any legal
6 process or order, or to seek any relief from this Court.
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8 14. A party may designate as "Confidential Information"
9 documents or discovery materials produced by a non-party by providing
10 written notice to all parties of the relevant document numbers or other
11 identification within thirty (30) days after receiving such documents or
12 discovery materials. Any party or non-party may voluntarily disclose to
13 others without restriction any information designated by that party or non-
14 party as "Confidential Information", although a document may lose its
15 confidential status if it is made public.
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17 15. By agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Order, a non-
18 party shall have the benefits, rights and protection of a Producing Party under
19 this Order and have standing under this Order to bring a claim for violations
20 of its terms against the parties and against any person who signed an
21 undertaking as provided by this Order. Such a non-party must comply with
22 all terms of this Order.
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24 16. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of
25 material as "Confidential Information", all documents shall be treated as such
26 and shall be subject to the provisions hereof unless and until one of the
27 following occurs:
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29 a. the party or non-party who claims that the material
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1 is "Confidential Information" withdraws such designation in writing;

2 b. the party or non-party who claims that the material
3 is "Confidential Information" files the document in the public record or
4 otherwise waives the privilege; or
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6 c. the Court rules the material is not "Confidential
7 Information" .

8 17. It is the present intention of the parties that the provisions
9 of this Protective Order shall govern discovery and other pretrial and trial
10 proceedings in this action. Nonetheless, each of the parties hereto shall be
11 entitled to seek modification of this Protective Order by application to the
12 Court on notice to the other parties hereto for good cause.
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14 18. The parties agree to be bound by the terms of this
15 Protective Order pending its entry by the Court, or pending the entry of an
16 alternative thereto which is satisfactory to all parties.
17 At the conclusion of all proceedings in this action, whether by settlement or
18 final judgment, and including but not limited to final adjudication of any
19 appeals, petitions for hearing or extraordinary writs, judgment, or settlement,
20 each Producing Party may request that its "Confidential Information" and all
21 copies thereof and all documents reflecting the content of its "Confidential
22 Information" that are in the custody of other parties (or their transferees) be
23 returned to counsel for the Producing Party or destroyed within sixty (60)
24 days after receipt of such request. Counsel for the respective parties shall
25 confirm in writing to the requesting Producing Party that they have given
26 notice of the request to any transferees of the Confidential Documents, and
27 have themselves complied with the requirements of this paragraph. Nothing
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1 contained herein shall limit the right of counsel to keep copies of its work
2 product that contains "Confidential Information", provided that such work
3 product is appropriately marked as "Confidential Information".
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6 Dated: June 21, 2011
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23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**
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25 Dated: June 23rd2011.
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27 s/ Edward F. Shea

28 Judge Edward F. Shea
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